

## **KIRKWOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2018 REGISTRATION NEWSLETTER**

The Kirkwood Athletic Association, is very excited about the 2018 girls fastpitch spring/summer leagues that are now forming. KAA is entering our 23<sup>rd</sup> season of girls fastpitch softball. To returning managers, we thank you for your continued support. To managers making application to KAA for the first time, we welcome you. We look forward to continuing the KAA tradition of fun and competition in girls' softball.

We will also be hosting several USA Softball Fastpitch tournaments for the 2018 season. We are listing all of our KAA fastpitch tournaments on [www.tournamentUSA.com](http://www.tournamentUSA.com) . This provides ease in registration, real-time score & bracket updates, plus text notifications, as well as scheduling advantages.

**Manager's Meeting: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 (7:00 pm sharp)**  
**Kirkwood Community Center - Theater**  
**(enter by swimming pool)**  
**111 S. Geyer Rd.**  
**Kirkwood, MO 63122**

Representatives of the KAA Board of Directors will be on hand to discuss 2018 planning, scheduling, and rule changes. We have also invited local vendors to display their uniform selections, equipment, and innovations for the sport of softball as well as information on their business. (No food or drink is permitted in theater).

### **2018 League Registration Fee:**

**\$500** deposit due ... **January 15, 2018.** (Secures your spot in league)  
**+ \$850** balance due ... **January 27, 2018.**  
**\$1350** total league fee.

### **Your 2018 league fee includes the following**

- **Team Insurance (Secondary Accident/Medical & Team Liability)**
- **16 games (12 league games) + (Free entry into any KAA tourney, in lieu of Rainout Makeups)**
- **USA Softball team sanctioning fee**
- **4 Free March Pre-Season Practice Fields (1 timeslots per team/per week)**

**\*League Fee must be PAID IN FULL in order to reserve practice fields. Practice fields are subject to availability.**

All teams **MUST** register online at [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com) and will have the option to pay by credit card or mail in your payment. Remember, you are not officially entered until your payment has been received in the KAA office. Teams mailing in the attached form without registering online are not entered until they register online.

### **Acceptance into League:**

KAA has established a reputation of offering the best fastpitch competition in the St. Louis Metro area. KAA is also recognized as having the highest quality of Umpires, excellent field conditions and field maintenance crew, outstanding concessions operation. As a result, each year the demand exceeds our ability to accept every team that submits a registration form. At this printing, we are receiving many requests daily to be accepted into the 2018 KAA softball league. For this reason, we **must** adhere to our deadlines to be fair to all teams.

League Registration is by team only, except for the 6u & 8u division, where we will provide assistance in forming teams and supply "newly formed teams" uniforms and equipment. All other individual players may access the discussion board on our website [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com) to find out which teams might be in need of additional players.

### **Leagues will be formed for competitive play in the following divisions:**

6u Player may not turn 7 before January 1, 2018 .. 8u Player may not turn 9 before January 1, 2018  
10u Player may not turn 11 before January 1, 2018 .. 12u Player may not turn 13 before January 1, 2018  
14u Player may not turn 15 before January 1, 2018 .. 16u Player may not turn 17 before January 1, 2018  
18u Player may not turn 19 before January 1, 2018

- 6u .. machine pitch (depending on number of teams, 6u girls may play against 5u boys)
- 8u .. machine pitch
- 10u .. 35' pitching
- 12u .. 40' pitching
- 14u, 16u, & 18u .. 43' pitching

***All 18u and 16u Division teams will be asked to provide player-instructors for our annual KAA softball camp which is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 , 2018. This is a great way for girls to earn community service hours.***

**Bracketing:** KAA offers "A" and "B" competitive levels at each age division, with the exception of 6u & 8u, which are purely instructional leagues.

### **League Schedules:**

Wednesdays & Thursdays ... 6:00pm, 7:30pm, and 9:00pm

Anticipated opening dates:                     April 11 & 12 ... 6u, 8u, 10u, 12u, 14u  
   May 30 & May 31 ... 16u, 18u

**6u** could play any night (Mon – Fri), single games, April 4<sup>th</sup> thru early-July.

**8u** will play Wednesdays and/or Thursdays, single games, April 4<sup>th</sup> thru early-July.  
(No 9pm games during school year) Possible dbl-headers after school year.

**10u** will play Weds and/or Thurs, mix of single games & dbl-headers, April thru mid-July.  
(No 9pm games during school year)

**12u** will play Weds and/or Thurs, dbl-headers, April 4<sup>th</sup> thru May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**14u** will play Weds and/or Thurs, dbl-headers, April 4<sup>th</sup> thru May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**16u** will play Thursdays, dbl-headers, May 31<sup>st</sup> thru July 12<sup>th</sup>. There may be "some" Wednesday games.

**18u** will play Wednesdays, dbl-headers, May 30<sup>th</sup> thru July 11<sup>th</sup>. 18uB may have "some" Thursday games, depending on number of 18u teams registered.

KAA strongly encourages NO forfeits for all of our divisions. You may borrow players in your age division or younger to field a team if circumstances warrant it. Only 7 players are required to begin and finish league games.

**KAA League:**

**Teams will be scheduled 12 league games. Plus receive a FREE entry into your choice of any of our KAA tournaments (4 games min). This is a total of 16 games (minimum) for the price of your league fees.** There will be NO rescheduling for rained out league games. That is what the (free) tournament entry is for.

Playing 10 total games constitutes a complete season. At season's end, if you have not managed to play at least 10 total games, KAA will offer a credit towards the 2018 KAA Fall League, 2018 KAA Fall Tourney or the 2018 KAA League.

**Field Officials:** Two KAA umpires are supplied per game. (except for 6u & 8u divisions).

All umpires receive extensive training and certification before being allowed to officiate a game.

The 6u & 8u machine-pitch divisions will require each team to provide 1 volunteer. (Preferably a coach. Volunteer must be at least 18 years old. Primary duty is to operate pitching machine.)

**Insurance:** Over \$100 of your league fee goes towards the purchase of a secondary medical/accident insurance policy, which also includes team liability coverage. Specifics of coverage will be explained during the managers' meeting.

**Rosters:** For KAA insurance purposes, parents, players, and the manager must sign the roster. **Rosters are due (on file in our KAA office) in order for your team to be covered. The rosters can be dropped in the Drop Box outside the office door or emailed to [gkatinas@kwdaa.com](mailto:gkatinas@kwdaa.com).** Players and coaches can be on the roster and are covered by insurance. KAA has an unlimited and "open roster" policy, which means players may be added at any point during the season. Blank Roster/Waiver Forms can be found on our KAA website [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com).

**Kirkwood Athletic Association Website:** Please utilize the KAA website to get the most up-to-date information, schedules, tournament entry forms and the Roster Waiver & Release form. [www.kwdaa.com](http://www.kwdaa.com). KAA offers a discussion board on our website that allows managers to list their need for players and for players to list when they are looking for a team. The office does not maintain a list of coaches looking for players or players looking for teams.

**Facebook:** KAA is on Facebook. "Like" us for the most up-to-date field conditions.

**Free Pre-Season Practice Fields:**

League Fees **MUST** be "**paid in full**" to reserve your practice field & times. Practice fields are subject to availability. Do not miss out on a practice field. Get your league fee paid asap.

Office Manager, Gretchen Katinas, will confirm with each team through email when their team fee has paid in full. You will then receive authorization to call the office at **314-822-3686** to schedule your practice field and times. The schedule is posted on the side of the concession stand. If there is an issue please find the board member on duty.

Practice fields will open Saturday, March 3, 2018 and go through Friday, March 30, 2018.

Practice slots are 2 hours in length. Beginning at 6:00 pm on weekdays, and 8:00 am for weekend days.

Teams are limited to 1 practice session per week and must be consistent week-to-week. **Practice slots fill quickly, and are not guaranteed. It is wise to pay league fees early and secure your practice field.**

### **Free Softball Camp**

KAA will offer a free softball camp for 6u, 8u, 10u, 12u players. Players from our 18u & 16u divisions will run this camp. The camp is scheduled for **Saturday, March 31, 2018** at **10:00am-12:00pm** for the **6u-8u Session** and **1:00–3:00pm** for the **10u-12u Session**.

### **2018 Kirkwood Fastpitch Tournaments**

<b>KAA Pre-Season Tourney</b>	<b>April 5 – April 8</b>
<b>KAA “No-Showers”..“A” level Tourney</b>	<b>April 20 - 22</b>
<b>KAA Spring Fling Tourney</b>	<b>May 18 - 20</b>
<b>KAA Firecracker Bash Tourney</b>	<b>June 22 - 24</b>
<b>KAA Fall Frenzy Tourney</b>	<b>October 12 - 14</b>

Tournament registrations will be handled through [www.tournamentUSA.com](http://www.tournamentUSA.com)  
You must create a login with [www.tournamentUSA.com](http://www.tournamentUSA.com) but there is no cost to do so.

Tournament Payments will still be mailed or dropped off to our KAA office. But you now will also have the option of Credit Card or PayPal payment.

Once registered and choose your league tournament you **MUST** go to [www.tournamentUSA.com](http://www.tournamentUSA.com) and register for it. Your team is not automatically entered into it with your registration. While you register for the tournament add a comment about being league tournament.

## Park Rules

**You are ultimately responsible for your team's conduct and sportsmanship. This includes players, asst coaches, parents, spectators. Please notify all of your parents that failure to obey park rules may result in their, and your, ejection from the park, and may also result in a forfeit of your team's game(s).**

**Our concession stand is the financial life-blood of our facility. We must insist that absolutely NO outside food or beverages are allowed in the complex when the stand is open.**

**Smoking is NOT permitted within our ball park fences or within 100 ft of dugouts and bleachers of Fields 6, 8, 13, & 14.**

We ask that you and your team be considerate of others using our park and dispose of all waste in the receptacles provided, including any trash left in the dugout. Teams may be subject to a fine if dugouts are not cleaned out properly.

For safety and health reasons, NO pets are allowed in the complex. For the safety of our players and patrons, NO skateboarding, bicycling, scooters or other wheeled devices is allowed, excluding wheelchairs or walkers.

Watch your younger children and for their safety, please do not allow them to swing on the fences. Also NO hitting of any type of ball into our fences. (even wiffles).

KAA has limited parking spaces, but we do rent the lower level of The Family Golf Center and ask that you consider parking there. The City of Kirkwood will ticket and/or tow any cars parked on the grass across the street from the KAA complex.

The members of the KAA Board thank you for selecting our program. Your participation will continue to make KAA one of the most competitive and sought after girls fastpitch programs in the St. Louis area. We hope you, your players, and your families, continue to have a great experience at KAA. We extend our best wishes for a successful season.

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